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and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Gonzalo Fournier, Political and Economic Counselor for the European Commission to Colombia (EC), told Econoff that the EC, Spain, and France collectively delivered a formal demarche to the GOC condemning Colombia's behavior at the June meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) (ref C). Fournier said EC Chief of Delegation Fernando Cardesa, together with Spanish Ambassador to Colombia Andres Collado and French Charge d'Affaires Alain Fort, met Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Camilo Reyes on August 25. Reyes said he was aware of the issue but believed it had been resolved. The group told Reyes they therefore looked forward to a more productive GOC approach at the October IATTC meeting in La Jolla.

[1](#)2. (C) Fournier described the demarche delivered to Reyes as the "harshest" he had ever seen. Fournier told Econoff that the group felt Reyes' response had been more indicative of his desire not to discuss the issue than of an actual resolution, but it appeared clear that the GOC understood the feelings of the EC, Spain and France about the GOC's behavior at the IATTC meeting.

[1](#)3. (C) Separately on the evening of August 25 Fournier and Cardesa had a chance encounter with Maria Andrea Alban, the MFA's Director of Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs. Alban repeated what she had told EconCouns the week before (ref A): that her office had just resumed responsibility for IATTC issues; that the GOC would be reorganizing its internal policy-making process and reviewing its IATTC position prior to the La Jolla meeting; and that, while she hoped for a more positive position, the tuna industry had increased pressure on the GOC at high levels.

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